## THE SOUL OF CROESUS

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#### CHAPTER XXIX-Continued.

The old baronet had shaken his head has longed for clouds to break the monotadly when he saw the marks of dissipa- ony of the staring sky and give him retion on his grandson's face, thinking that spite from the torture of the sun. There but I could not wait. It was weak of me they were only an additional proof of his is a very black cloud overhead now. ancestry from his own dissolute son; but Those little harmless sprites have woven he remained silent on the subject.

to pack up his belongings, and, walking one day in Ballyshannon Glen, by the side of the mountain torrent, which sang such a wonderful song of sleep among lake, under the becalmed boat. From far

Vandraken's eyes had been too clouded

"I am Elsa von Tarsenheim," said the nun, in a troubled voice.

'Not my earthly father," she answerworks of darkness.'

but how can they?"

Through what I know and through their own knowledge of ancient occultism, which is almost as great as my father's. They, too, have books from the Alexan- in a moment, and nothing of him will

"What was done to me that day?" then she told him.

if it shouldn't be a superstition-" What do you mean?

"That if you kill him, your soul will And because he has acknowledged his bear his sins for all eternity!"

And because he has acknowledged his nothingness, and lost his egotism, he is, 'It can't be true-there is no reason for perhaps, allowed to be hurled, limp,

time to waste. My father is losing his to formally announce the engagement of been happening at the castle. It is built over caves, and is honeycombed with secret passages, built as a method of escape in old times. We became conscious, a

even a smell of cooking; and they have in Paris for a courier maid for the taken three of the Alexandrine books honeymoon. tle, fragile thing, this world, and one her mistress, was only a temporary little atom on it is shaking his fist at trouble. the universe and tampering with its sa-

powers of Saturn at his back, but he can- a trancelike vision sent to her as with gold to undo the operation, then he hour by hour-as vividly as though will be abducted to Rome, and confined in were taking place at the moment: isolated. The church has always com to the rescue when science threatened the earth with destruction; the church will not be the first time it has inter- from the stones-pictured as they

Fabian Dare was listening, breathless, he was not the man to disbelieve. He had affianced husband stood, smiling triumphunderlie the calm surface of the world to "You will come to Ballyshannon when I

"Yes," murmured Fabian, and the nur

"Wait!" he said. "I want to explain something about our last meeting." She laughed bitterly. "I could explain that better than you, Fabian. My father told me, himself, when he was mocking me because I took the vell. Good-by for the present!" And she turned and left him, going back to Ballyshannon.

### CHAPTER XXX.

\* \* You may run, you may dodge, you may twist, you may bend, But the flying phantoms win in the end.

Ho! ho! young man, ho! ho

Have you ever seen the gathering of the whirlwind?-the mechanism of the waterspout at its source? It is rather like the massing of the clouds of consequence. the whirlwind of fate.

A man has voyaged all day on some semi-tropic lake, through the summer heat, under a sky burnished and cloudless. The low, swampy shores in front and to the left, are only visible as broken smudges. To the right there is forest fringed with palm trees. Far away, among the broken smudges, the white houses of the town, which is his destinathe hazy horizon, like the city of a mirage; but the utter calm will not let him reach the city. The heat steals the energy which might have bred suspicion of at the pictures. In every one of them this soundless, cloudless world. Look- she saw Vandraken moving through ing back, lazily, he suddenly notices be- scenes of saturnalia, with a face which thing which looks like a cloud of steam ising out of the lake; but it only arouses rising out of the lake; but it only arouses curiosity. Fear will come later. Then it begins to twirl like the draperies of a such things come in dreams, she received an impression of the whole hor-Nautch girl, little tendrils of vapor de- rible story.

little sprite-like children of the specter which is rising behind him. All day he

it. Of a sudden the silence is broken by Then Fabian had returned to Donoyle to pack up his belongings, and, walking the shore, like the chatter of waiting thousands in an amphitheater-"Ippe coax coax"-then the alligators begin to bellow in the swamps, and down in the the mossy bowlders, he had come face away on the cattle ranges comes a lowing sound with a note of fear in it. The beasts have smelled out the angel of deby the horror of his own reflection to rec-land. It comes through a narrow path in the forest—an lcy breath rushing through struction which has been loosed in the him suddenly, round a bend in the forest path, stopped, and stood looking at him, though a giant was forcing his way with eyes which, though already half through them. The long pennons of the with eyes which, though already half withdrawn from earthly things, gazed at him inquiringly, as though demanding then it leaves them and rushes across the lake, so quickly that it hardly licks recognition. But he did not recognize in the water into foam. The insect chorus, the nun any resemblance to the girl who which had ceased with alarming abrupt had flitted across his life, and from whom ness, begins again, but more quavering; he had been cut off by the gulf of dark- they are asking each other who will be ness. So he, too, looked at her inquir- taken, who will be left? The man in

the boat was the last created thing to feel that something was wrong. His sense of omnipotence is not so easily onquered; but he feels disturbed as he "Elsa!" he cried, the remembrance of looks back and notes how the specter his suddenly changed feelings stabbing has grown. It is twirling upward, and his memory. "Did your father send you yet sidling toward him. He hears a sound like the tap of a drum-the first beat of a tom-tom at some mysterious rites of demon worship. He suddenly ed, in a low voice. "The church knows everything—the church which has fought and overthrown such inventions as my father's whenever they have been made, tures of darkness. Everything in front The church which knows all, and keeps of him is still clear and sunny, but his its secrets, is again going to destroy the past is rising up behind him. At the sound of the thunder the clatter of in "Can your church undo what has been done?" asked Fabian Dare, eagerly. He was not without faith in the potency of up with the cloud overhead, and they are that mysterious, unending religion which dancing toward him across the water, the nun represented. "Does your church hand in hand. The surface, as it comes, know what was done to me that day?- is broken up and lashed into foam, as though by water devils sporting in front of it to see the fun. In a moment the man feels very weak and small, a fly

remain but the thoughts he has thought. Fabian came forward eagerly. "Tell He watches the waterspout, too hypme, for God's sake! tell me!" he asked.
"What was done to me that day?"

notized even to lower the sail. As he watches, a flame corkscrews down the Elsa looked pityingly at his face.

There was much done that day? also "There was much done that day," she spout is dashed against him by the answered, with a break in her voice, And whirlwind. That mirrored lake is now a tumble of frantic water, on which his When she had finished, Fabian Dare boat sometimes appears on the top of a laughed in a way which caused Elsa to shut out the sound from her ears with around him in ferocious crashes. When it seems as though nature had done its "He got his ten thousand pounds' worst, still greater forces are loosed--that man-didn't he?" he laughed. louder thunder, more blinding lightning, "But I will kill him, and get my own a crueler hurricane. He feels smaller and smaller; the cities men have built 'No!-no! Not that! You must not kill shrink to ant heaps, existing by suffer-It may be only a superstition-but ance. He wonders how men have eve dared to patronize the gods, who wield such weapons as are thrashing him now,

alive, onto the shore which was his des-"But if it should, Fabian! if it tination.

Lady Kitty and her mother returned tude, became a woman's for a moment.
"Besides, there is no need. You will come"
On Wednesday night there was to be to Ballyshannon, and the other man will a dinner party at the castle. Lady Docome, and the operation will be undone. noyle always gave a series of dinner par-You will get back your soul again, and thes to "the quality" who inhabited that gradually the other man's record will end of the county when she returned fade from your face. But there is no after a long absence. As this party was Strange disturbing things have her daughter to Vandraken, she hoped

few days ago, that there were others besides ourselves living in the castle.

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"Ghosts," suggested the young man. "Do ghosts steal books?" asked the she had decided to announce the engage nun. "No, they are not ghosts. There is ment, even going so far as to advertise

from which my father got his power.
They have taken them, and still they live finally selected a young woman with a in the castle. We hear them, like rats in the wainscoting. Ah! something terrible is going to happen. My father knows it. But, more terrible than all, her lips paler than her clear skin would he is about to commit the unforgivable indicate as natural. She had a wonderful he is going to try to destroy his own knowledge of all the cities in Europe, and soul and escape immortality! It is the only drawback Lady Kitty could no-frightful!" wailed the nun, covering her tice was that she had weak eyes, requirace with her hands. "It is such a lit- ing glasses; and even this, she assured

It was the evening of the dinner party, and Lady Kitty had lain down in her "He will succeed," whispered the young room to rest between afternoon tea and the dressing gong. She may have been "He cannot-he cannot! He has all the asleep, and dreamed, or it may have been The other man will bribe him warning, but she saw her wedding day she hurried on, "he will be procession up the aisle of the ancient The church has always come chapel, the names of her ancestors on the stones over which she walked; for bethat knows all-the only safe custodian above her head their lances were couched of such secrets as my father has. It in the rafters. They seemed to rise up on the walls of the castle-to try to bar her passage to the altar steps. But she made her way through them to where her

> ant welcome. As she came up to him she saw the anguished face of Fabian Dare. He, too, like her spectral ancestors, seemed to be waving her back; but some stronger force urged her forward, and she heard every word of the marriage service, in the bishop's solemn voice.

Then came the moment when she went up to her room to put on her traveling dress, leaving the guests laughing in the hall below, handing about the rice and the ball slippers.

Vandraken accompanied her down the door of her room. He opened the door for her, and she entered. The maid was standing near by-her back was turned. Ther her husband's voice called to her, As he did so the maid laughed softly as learning. They set aside 10,000 acres of English, geography, and notation were she slammed the door, and locked it. She land near the James River, in what is taught. could hear him beating on it with his hands and calling for help. Again the maid laughed, but now she turned round. Her face was changed-the glasses were gone, and eyes which were alive with that time was known as Bruton Parish, shut her eyes, but some force held them open, compelled them to look into the glittering things in front of her. They emed to her like the eyeholes of a stereopticon, looking through which all

manner of horrible pictures succeeded one another, like a kinetoscope gone mad. She sank to the floor, and the woman sank with her, coiling round her like a land was leased to tenants (emigrants and unbroken period; and were looked snake. She tried to scream, but no sound tion, dance uncertainly upside down on came. She saw herself, a crumpled heap of lace and satin, the woman coiled among them, like a black snake in a bed The woman did not seem to say anything, only to force her to look tween his boat and fringe of palms some- every picture made to look more and more like the face she had caught glimpse of in the chapel the last time

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A woman was bending over her.

At first, she thought it was the shadow of her dream, still haunting her, so thin

"Miladi has bad dream-ves?" It was Then the same eyes forced themselves upon her—the sin-saturated eyes which was evaporate to the entree.

"What a fe Lady Kitty tried to scream again. This woman at the other end of the table. "Who is he?" asked Fabian. time she failed. All her faculties seemed to have frozen up, except the power to

"I meant that you should marry him first, and then I'd tell you all about him, -but I could not wait. Perhaps it is better for me that you do not marry himme, Veeda Venestra, to whom he is marserved the Cobra, suddenly noticing that her victim's eyes were closed. "And I had so much to tell her. But I think I did tell her in her dream-yes, I think she will not marry him now." She glided out of the room, locking the door behind her. As she did so the sound of the dressing gong invaded the corridor.

An hour later, in the drawing-room

Lady Donoyle, who looked radiantly hap-py, in the belief that life was at last down the backbones of the silent, frozen too thrilled by the horror in the other going to give her her little hour, was doing her whimsical best to make the local people and a few smart friends who had arrived from London mingle. "It is like ! mixing the yolks and the whites of eggs," she once complained to her daughter.

lippery and frothy."
"My dear Mrs. Vampenstein," she observed to the latest fashionable Jewess, who staggered beneath the load of overgrown diamonds her husband had filched from his company in South Africa, "you meragh. He is the most delightfully rude man I ever met, and the only consistent woman hater I know. Promise that if he says anything originally horrid you will tell me afterward! Talk politics to himne knows so much about statecraft that they wouldn't have him any longer in the House-they couldn't answer his ques-

"I wonder why the Lord didn't choose people with more sense of humor?"

ondered, as Mrs. Vampenstein complain Vandraken was moving about restlessly n the background, wondering what made Lady Kitty so late. The evening was already spoiled for him by the presence of Fabian Dare, for whom his antipathy

eemed to increase every time he saw "Yes," he overheard Lady Donovle say to a thin lady with an early Victorian coiffure and an air of benign resignation I, too, am troubled with jackdaws. I am thinking of baving a jackdaw drive-put sweeps in all the chimneys, and post the

'Chimney pots! Ha, ha!" suggested the

guns on the roof.'

"No; but seriously," insisted Lady Do-noyle, "I think the breeding of jackdaws for trap shooting at Hurlingham might be a wonderful Irish industry, now that pigeon shooting is forbidden; and really

ng out, leaving some hervous person say-

plate their female parishioners, "I do be-lieve that"—the tide of conversation fell sponsible for what had occurred. suddenly, and left him stranded with the ommonplace-"the very hairs on our eads are numbered."

"No, dear Lady Runington," she replied, in answer to a question from that gay lady, who cheated at bridge, "that is not an early Christian martyr. That is our elegence of the course of the ur clergyman, Mr. Strayne. He is rather a dear, but his soul needs a pill."

time succeeded, and, as she did so, woke. call her soul, is the curse of modern civ- emerge from behind some pillar, to dev-

is the line between the dream and the table to Vandraken, who tried to smile had much money to offer, and he offered

the voice of her maid. Then came the cruel, padded laugh the woman had given in her dream when she shut the door.

Then the same ever forced themselves

"What a fearful job!" observed Lady father these two hours.

"She is partly American, isn't she?"

Every one turned round in anticipation. Vandraken gave a sigh of relief. The Kitty-the man the snake woman came man with the speech thought he could to claim?" oring it off, after all.

chair going over with a crash. Then every one rose to his feet convulsively. spectators.

### CHAPTER XXXI.

reat forces beat about us, and the notes Of harmonies so vast we cannot hear. od, in His kindness, veils His greater things From little men upon a little sphere.

ome "Peeping Tom," who, clutching at the veil, Has caught a glimpse, beyond the great divide, Of works a-whirr in God's own power-house Has staggered back and tried to tell, and died,

Vandraken went to see von Tarsenheim with pain. Donoyle that evening, he left a note for escaped from the broken glass tubes.

ight, where his flance should be sitting.

Something of his apprehension spread own the table, like the stain of spilled beard her, and felt that his punishment.

On Fabian Dare to come and save her:

If either of the men had a weapon ined of drowning depth. Instead he landing to one of the religious they would have obeyed; but they had beard her, and felt that his punishment. down the table, like the stain of spilled heard her, and felt that his punishment none wine. The conversation was spotty and hectic, rising in little gusts, and then dyg nothing in a loud voice.

"Yes," Mr. Strayne was heard to say So, pocketing his pride, he had gone to you shall die as I am dying! No! no!—

"By the drawn revolver.

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"Objected to! lady on his right, regarding her the occultist; to offer him millions to rewith that bland semi-possessive look with move the delusions. For, having no consome country clergymen contem- science, he could not feel that he was un-

and knocked at the door of Ballyshannon eads are numbered."
"By the other women," murmured Lady Castle that evening, Elsa admitted him kills so swiftly—throw it to me—quick!" Donoyle to Sir Brian Commeragh, who herself. "Our Hindoo servants have disappeared," she told him, "unless they, stool, but it bounded back, as though

"Has your father consented to undo the dear, but his soul needs a pill.
"I have always wished I had less soul," operation? Will he give me back the soul noies stopped, and what was left of von said Lady Runington to Sir Brian, with that I bartered away?" asked Fabian, Tarsenheim fell forward against his colshivering as he watched the shadows in lar and his bonds. That enlarged temperament, which an the hall, expecting every minute to see atrophied conscience enables a woman to the dreaded face of von Tarsenheim

dilization," growled Sir Brian, and was allowed to finish his salmon in peace.

"It is very naughty of Kitty, doing this!" Lady Donoyle called down the "He was unwilling, but the young man had been successful." it because he believes that only thus will responsively.

It because he believes that only thus will the elderly bore who had rehearsed the love of the lady at Donoyle be renice, fresh face-he has been with my

peration to buy my soul, as he would

"The man who is going to marry Lady

Even Lady Donoyle lost her calm, and draken, gray-faced and terror-stricken,

man's voice to pour out on him his pent-

The yolks are sticky, and the whites are Vandraken had been profuse in his gifts it all! The old man with the white beard of gems, and the Cobra wore them all.

Mrs. Vampenstein's looked like trinkets beside them.

Vandraken lurched forward like a cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed to find the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed to find the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the content of the cried, pointing to the nun, who had rushed the cried drunken man to meet the dazzling ap- past them, and was making for the stone staircase.

ing noise, but from the groans of the nan on the stool, and his broken words, inside makes the ordinary hazing of a making such great strides in this country, ng made to hear disintegrating discords. He looked curiously shrunken and changed, but the ghost of the mocking smile still hovered over his face, where it competed with a grin of terror, compounded with pain. The collar was round his two hours before the appointed time, neck-the collar Fabian had worn himself. Hearing that Lord Ancester would be at Little flashes of light, varying in color,

Fabian rushed up to the machine, think- ink it explained in this wise:

pigeon shooting is forbidden; and really

The butler entered, wearing that wistful look which means that he would speak in confidence to the mistress of the house. "Her ladyship's maid has sent word that an accident has befallen her ladyship's frees, and please not to wait for her," whispered the butler to Lady Done, "Then we will not waif, Richardson," she answered, cheerfully.

A cold feeling of foreboding assailed yandraken as he walked alone into the armorial shields of the Pohers, and look, a fight, where his fiancee should be sitting.

To be mother's hortor, she would call right, where his fiancee should be sitting.

The potential the nerve storm which was sentenced von last sentence. "The men took it with them when they senhelm.

The butler entered, wearing that wistful confidence to the mistress of the house. They had found her raving in parox years of hysteria, which the doctor seeming to allay. Brain fever, caused by nervous shock, he diagnosed, but confessed himself puzzled. They you hack your moneys—I will give you back your souls! I disintegrate in these thinking be fore their eyes. "And my soul!—it is still alive! I will do such things no more! I will give you back your souls! I disintegrate in these of this derug store has not remarked that the way of the lake or river should have been looked or the last year a connect that the doctor seeming that wist of the shock in trade included carding the last year a connect the last year a connect the last year a connect that the word in confidence to the last year a connect the last year a connect that the wear of the fall be sock in trade included carding the part and in favor of the fake or river should have been looked on as a humanitarian grature will do such things no more! I will give you been looked on as a humanitarian grature will do such things no more! I will give you hack your souls! I disintegrate in these of thi

storms of consequence which were buffet- to a shelf opposite. "Tablets, in a phial-I will not!-but have mercy, and throw

Vandraken rushed to the shelf. There worthy, or that he was even specially responsible for what had occurred.

\*\*The plant of tablets, some red. He picked up a white phial, and held it up

TO BE CONCLUDED TO-MORROW.

# First Seat of Learning in the New World

n 1636, was the first college in America. Harvard is the oldest of existing col leges in America, but not the first estab-

In 1618, two years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, twelve years after the settling of Jamestown Island by orridor, and stood for a moment at the Capt. John Smith and his small band of Englishmen, and eighteen years before the founding of Harvard, the London in tones shrill with fear, to come out, saw the necessity for an institution of now Charles City County. This site was not many miles from the then thriving little town of Williamsburg, but which at evil looked into her own. She tried to and which some few years later became the first capital of the colonies, and thereupon began the foundation of Henrico University, the first university in America,

This 10,000-acre tract of wilderness was named College Lands, and was divided into 100 plantations, and was sometimes known as Charles City Plantations., The to the London Company.

George Thorpe, a gallant English gen-deman, came over to Virginia to superinrection of the college, cabins, and stockade, the latter for protection against the wild animals and the possibility of roving bands of hostile Indians ing bands of hostile Indians.

| in the "Dominion" would be required to | servant of the danger, George Th There are few students of American his- fit its children and those of the natives made no efforts to escape, and fell tory and still fewer Americans in general (Indians) for admission to the college. who know that within the domains of the The principal endeavor of the instituof learning in the New World was tianize the Indians. The same legislature Indian. tion of the necessary buildings. The college prospered, and the Charles

City Plantations-or, as it was frequently and consideration. called, the little village of Henrico-began to take on the appearance of thrift, boast-

After a couple of years of toil and hard-

tion, began preparations for a trip to the uninhabited. colony and to the school in the wilderness, and was to sail in May, 1622.

ly terms with the settlers for such a long meditate a most ferocious attack on their was killed. white neighbors, even while enjoying their friendship and society, and tend these grounds or plantations, the March 22, 1662, acting under orders from the mighty chief, Powhatan, they conade, the latter for protection against the sumated the most brutal and complete

The first legislature that ever met in to the massacre, and the friendly avowals America, in 1619, at Jamestown, passed a of their chiefs, were of such a sincere such themselves and drift upward, pretty! Again she tried to scream, and this law stating that every town or borough nature that, even shough warned by a

victim to his own misplaced confidence. Thorpe was one of the most prominent Mother of States, Virginia, the first seat tion, however, was to educate and Chrisportant part in the effort to uplift the

Some planter from Williamsburg, hav-In 1621, Rev. Patrick Copelan, a member who was then awaiting transportation.

one of the few organizations of the coun-The Pamunkey Indians, who inhabited try that know and acknowledge this fact, Aq. dest. this section, had been on the most friend- present each year a medallion to the stu- Ac, hydrochlor dil.... dent at the University of Johns Hopkins menced cultivation, half the proceeds de- were treated with the utmost kindness tacking the settlers near the buildings rived therefrom going to the erection and maintenance of the college, the other half the savages, however, led them to pre-

> The Nobler Task. Delicate little rhythmic flutterings, Golden wing-work in disphanous azure. Pearl-like words, one after one—but force, But fire of intellect, but soul? Ah, Poet Turn from these flawless arabesques,

Turn from these nawless arabesques, turn, turn from exquisite and futile pattering;
Many can say that violets are sweet;
Few can declare man's destiny. Choose thou The nobler task. A world will listen then.

—Lee Wilson Dodd, in the June Atlantic,

# WORDS OF ADVICE TO A WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Only her teeth, I think," answered buy a motor car?"

Lady Donoyle. "But there! I hear Kitty coming at last!" she went on, as a rustle of skirts was heard at the door.

Cide owe it to themselves to study up a little on the many popular and effective marry the lady at the castle," she answered. "Mr. Vandraken!" short cuts to the cemetery by way of the spasms may be controlled by labelly and the castle of the many popular and effective short cuts to the cemetery by way of the spasms may be controlled by labelly and the castle." coroner's office, says the Chicago Tri-

bune. Dying by any hurried, artificial, self-Before Elsa could answer him there administered means never can be all that The door opened slowly. The first interest the sound of steps hurrying up timation the others had that something must be very wrong was Vandraken's "Help! help!" came nearer and nearer.

The door opened slowly. The first interest the sound of steps hurrying up tit is cracked up to be, for the reason to every human being in community life, that until the victim begins dying he doesn't know anything about how it's it reads for the would-be suicide: "Bo Fabian rushed to the end of the hall grown which the votes for the would-be suicide: from which the voice came, and met Vanriest sights in all our highly civilized life you're not sure, take a draught of cold could only point, and look questioningly rushing up the stone stairs which led woman who had entered glided slowly "Good God! It's you!" he are the stairs which led woman who had entered glided slowly "Good God! It's you!" he are the stairs which led son who, after dosing himself with some tumbler in the full view. and reproachfully at Vandraken, as the woman who had entered glided slowly "Good God! It's you!" he cried, jumpnauseatingly fatal drug, discovers that tumbler in the full view of the spectators, make a dramatic appropriement of toward him, with hands slightly outstretched and a smile of evil triumph in you doing here?"

It should be cried, jumphe doesn't like the taste of it, and starts
he doesn't like the taste of it, and starts

Come, welcome death!" and down the out on a wild, cavorting chase for an antidote that may taste twice as bad as potion.

the poison itself. The Cobra wore her favorite style of up haired.

Could any situation be more absurd? Could any situation be more absurd? Here is our victim soused full of some definition of this bureau, and Brigging, spangled dress, and she was "They are killing him!—they are kil Could any situation be more absurd? blazing with jewels. A huge diamond him!" he shrieked. "And such a death!— perniciously active polson which he took snake colled through her black hair, and such a death! He is dying in hell itself! for the first time in the first effort toits head seemed to hiss on her forehead. They tied me in a chair and sade me see ward his first funeral suddenly turning ward his first funeral suddenly turning upon himself and demanding of his out-upon himself and demanding of his out-only sixty-five were women. The means

### Oversight Inexcusable.

"How did you get here?" he stuttered, oarsely. But his voice sounded like a Elsa. "You mustn't come down! Stay circumstance. For years these silly exchange of man have been pointing to cheer." shout in the breathless silence.

Veeda Venestra gave vent to her little padded laugh. "I am the maid of Lady Kitty, who is not well enough to come down to her betrothed, and I have come back to you, Stapdeesh—back from Zanzibar, Standeesh."

"Lady Kitty's maid! My God, she may "Logo and onothing! Stay here, and pray!" He seized her by the seriences of men have been pointing to the necessity of studying carefully the several suicide routes with a view to making intelligent choice. When, for example, a poison is fixed upon, let the necessity of studying carefully the necessity of the necessity of studying carefully the necessity of studying carefully the necessity of studying carefully the necessity of stu

Thought the Jewess; though, as a matter of fact, he had a magnificent head and the remains of great physical strength.

"Don't you think, Sir Brian—" she simpered.

"Not when there are ladies present," growled the woman hater, although he really did not classify smart Jewesses in that category.

"Oh, do tell me what he said, Mrs."

"Index Kitty's maid! My God, she may have killed her!" cried out Vandraken, in a voice resonant with apprehension. "We and no good! Stay here and pray!"

"Index Kitty's maid! My God, she may have killed her!" cried out Vandraken, in a voice resonant with apprehension. "We must to go her at once—at once!" And he made for the door, followed by all the guests and the servants.

"In father as he is!" insisted Vandraken.

"Do you hear, Elsa?" cried Fabian Dare. "You can do no good! Stay here and pray!"

But it was unnecessary. Elsa caught at a pillar, leaned against it, and sank to the floor, unconscious. The two men rushed down the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as fast as its cork-said own the stone stairs as f

Chicago drug stores added a few remarks as addenda to its "poison" label bership which has occurred there during on carbolic acid. The management con-sidered that it owed a little registered Since the early part of the eighteenth

### Objected to Being Shot,

"Come out of that, now," he commanded, sighting along the barrel of the revolver; "come out of that or I'll blow He yer brains out!"

"D-d-don't s-s-shoot! p-p-please d-don't! When Fabian Dare stood in the rain so that von Tarsenheim could see it.

I-I-I'll c-c-come!" and the speed at which crease by the church leaders in the variant knocked at the door of Ballyshannon.

"Fool!" he yelled. "That is but a stimble came left a wake like that of a motor ous church publications. The majority atulant! The red tablets-the poison that boat at full tilt through a lake of glass. tribute it to the strict revision of the The worst of the poison means unquestionably is carbolic acid. Its touch upon tion peculiar to Methodism. It has been too, have gone to live with the unseen in- from a solid wall, and shattered on the to fade. Von Tarsenheim's screams died away to a doglike whine, the whirring away to a doglike whine, the whirring large hopeful friend should find you. Much opposition to this method has been is about as good as anything else, or the

white of raw eggs may be used. suicidal ends which preclude the possibildrinks should be given, and friction ap-

#### to the nostrils to stimulate breathing. Rough Usage Necessary. Morphine and optum always have been

regarded as quiet, peaceful means for an im- shuffling off into the hereafter. One does tianize the Indians. The same legislature passed a resolution asking the London had held important and honored positions to small own mot need to swallow any great amount of the matter and sleep presages the end. The popular but erroneous theory is that Company to send over a number of ex- in the courts of both Elizabeth and But if one is discovered by his friends as Harvard University, which had its birth pert carpenters to help in the construc- James. He was a plous gentleman, who he is going under the influence, he may had labored hard and zealously for the be treated to some rough usage while he education and conversion of the savages is susceptible still to pain. "Keep the paand treated them with every kindness tient moving" is one of the prime resuscitating requisites, and if your friend may have a few things "in for you." he is ing of two or three streets and some ing occasion to visit Henrico on business, privileged to take them out of you at such twenty substantial cabins. Great diffi-culty was encountered in every effort to culty was encountered in every effort to great was his consternation and fright cid castor oil down you, dash you with marriage. The certificate is as follows: persuade the natives to attend the school when he found nothing but ruins of what cold water, drench you with bitter tea had been a promising village. This and coffee, pour laurel water down you. Company, grantees of Southern Virginia, ship, the fall of 1620 found twelve natives burg and reported what had befallen the studies of enrolled as students. The studies of unfortunate settlers, and from there the news was sent to England, arriving in time to stop the sailing of Rev. Copelan, who was then awaiting transportation.

It was the white cake of its commercial form is a popular poison for the would-be suicide. If you have an idea of taking it all back, of the London Company, was elected So absolute and awful was the deget a move on you. Chlorine and amyou must have your antidotes handy and "rector of the university," that title be- struction that the settlement was never monia should be sniffed freely; injections ing equivalent to the principal or presi- rebuilt or the college continued, and to- of camphor should be made liberally; cold dent of a college or school of the present day that section of Charles City County, applications to the head exert a revivifyday. Rev. Copelan, soon after his election, began preparations for a trip to the uninabited where this settlement stood, is wild and It might be well to have made up and The Colonial Dames of America, being ready for use the following presents.

Strychnine gives about as quick returns from England), who cleared it and comupon as the stanchest of friends, and
menced cultivation, half the proceeds dewere treated with the utmost kindness tacking the medallion shows the Indians atful of ground mustard in a glass of warm water is a good starter; a draught of tannin (no tea or coffee) should follow; morphine and opium in small doses are recommended; iodide of starch, chloride or bromides, and liberal inhalations twenty-one years old as above stated of chloroform complete the list of reme-

In general, whatever poison you may choose for annihilation, an emetic of vio lent kind should be ready. Common table

Persons who may be contemplating sui- you are sleepy under the influences of

### One Best Remedy.

But if any one aphorism is perverted form applied individually and collectively "Come, welcome death!" and down the

In one year in Chicago 335 persons sought the aid of this bureau, and Brighundred and seventy of these candidates emergency, were revolvers, carbolic acid, laudnum (opium), and chloroform. The army's antidote for "that suicide feeling"

"Oh, do tell me what he said, Mrs.
Vampenste'n!" begged Lady Donoyle of her trate guest, as she sailed away.

But the Cobra sat down in Lady Kitty's same level.

It was the big subterranean chamber to dining alone.

It was the big subterranean chamber to tim knows that he'll stand pat on it, he dining alone. which they came, fitted up like a laboratory. But Fabian Dare saw nothing but the glass case, with the glass broken, and, lashed on the metal stool. About no metal stool about 100 metal stool about lashed on the metal stool, Abdul von Tar-senhelm, with his fingers in his ears. All revolting stuff. To be jumped on when ship up to 3,035,000, and the value of Fabian could hear was a faint whir-ring noise, but from the groans of the have some one squirt half a gallon of oil of turpentine, whites of eggs, or laundry extent of \$32,678,495.

college freshman appear like a pink tea in England, where Methodism first came Several years ago one of the large into existence, the church papers are

pharmacist advice to persons who might be considering carbolic suicide, and in red him, telling him that he expected that the hypnotic operation would be undone without his intervention.

Fabian rushed up to the machine, think-ting him that he expected that ting he could release what was left of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, the many horself to day of Protestant bodies it stands next known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the machine, the machine, the machine, think-ting him that he expected that ting he could release what was left of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the machine, think-ting him that he expected that ting he could release what was left of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the man who sat on the stool; but he fell backward, tingling with pain and terror, known to science. If determined to 'go,' to the Established Church in point of the man who sat on the science and the science are the properties. von Tarsenheim to use his hypnotic powers nearly which is said to be a delightful slumber, with a membership of over sweeping Lady Kitty.

why not take the easier route, drowning, which is said to be a delightful slumber, with a membership of over sweeping Lady Kitty.

why not take the easier route, drowning, which is said to be a delightful slumber, with blissfully ecstatic dreams?"

The book!—the book! Get the book which is said to be a delightful slumber, with blissfully ecstatic dreams?"

The book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book is the book of the book of the book is the book is the book of the book is the book of the book is the book is

But, according to one of the religious "There is poison," he moaned, pointing of a shelf opposite, "Tablets in a phial—suddenly sprang out of a clump of bushes on, Oxford, East Angila Lincoln and on, Oxford, East Anglia, Lincoln, and York, among the potters and ironworkers of Staffordshire, in the shipyards of the Wear and Tyne, in the great woolen towns of the West Riding, among the cottonworkers of Lancashire, and th of Northumbria the story of decreased mbership is told. Various reasons are given for this de-

however, he might slosh some milk down your throat, if he can. Dilluted alcohol some declaring that it is not a satisfactory way to ascertain the actual prosperity of the body; that the class meeting has become increasingly unpopular with the laity, and that the relaxation of this try of the victim's helping himself to his rule and the assimilation of the memberantidotes after the drugs have begun to ship conditions to those of the other detake effect. Friends who may wish to nominations would produce an immediate did him may lay him down and put cold and very considerable increase. On the opplications to his head; effervescing other hand, it is claimed that the loss in membership resulting from this rule is not plied to the skin; ammonia should be held to be deplored, in that the remainder shows more nearly the strength of the church, at least spiritually. That the class meeting should be upheld as an invaluable institution is agreed to by all.

### ODD MARRIAGE DOCUMENT.

Justice of Peace Tries to Annul

Ceremony After It Is Performed. A remarkable marriage certificate, illustrative of the general ignorance of law in pioneer Missouri, has been found on the marriage records of Boone County. J. W. Hickam, a justice of the peace, had performed a marriage ceremony. Afterward he had learned that the groom was not twenty-one years old and annulled the

"I do hereby certify that on the first day of April, 1838, I was called upon to marry Absalom Corne to Pheby Martin. I accordingly went to one Prestley Rogger's, where I found the parties. Before I proceeded to join them in the bond of matrimony I asked Mr. Corne some ques tions as to his age. He stated that he was twenty-one years old December 25, 1837. William Rogers and others, who were present, stated they had heard the mother of Corne say, at different time, that he was twenty-one years old Christmas Day, 1837. I had been acquainted with Mr. Corne for nearly three years, in which time he acted for himself; nor had I the least doubt but what he was of lawful age. I proceeded to join them in matrimony and went away. I had not left more than three minutes until I was informed that some one had said that Corne was not twenty-one years old. I immediately went back and told Corne what I had heard and that he must not consider himself married, as I did not wish to involve myself in any difficulty, and that if he would go to his mother and get a certificate all would be right. He stated that it twenty-one years old, as above stated.

#### "J. W. HICKAM, J. P." Simple Child's Hat.

A new hat for a child of ten is shown salt in warm water will start something simply trimmed with a deep band of wide doing about as quickly as will ground ribbon, on which is appliqued several mustard and water, If you are in doubt large roses cut from cretonne and fas-of your intentions, have both ready. If tened on with an outline of gold thread.